

Effective Corporate Prayer Leading

Goal: To lead the group to seek the Lord together. ("You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13)

1. Effective Corporate Prayer is:

a. Learned. b. Leadership driven. c. Focused on prayer topics.	d. Has enough structure so every person knows how and has the opportunity to participate.
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I have achieved my goal as a prayer leader when **everyone in the corporate prayer settings feels comfortable participating.** (Knows who the leader is and how they can participate.)

2. The Prayer Leader's Role

- Leads prayer with **sensitivity to the Holy Spirit**
- Keeps prayer focused on **promises from God's Word and God's character.**
- Keeps prayer time **focused on the selected topics and purposes**
- **Manages flow of prayer time.** (Directing prayer meeting elements, transitioning prayer topics, calling on individuals to pray, allowing silence.)
- **Helps group gain insights** from prayer.

"Again I say to you, that if two believers on earth agree [that is, are of one mind, in harmony] about anything that they ask [within the will of God], it will be done for them by My Father in heaven."

Matthew 18:19 AMP

3. Prayer of Agreement: As the prayer leader directs the prayer, we pray in agreement with the topic and the scriptures the Lord reveals to us.

As the instruments of a great concert under the direction of a concert master, so the Holy Spirit blends together the lives of members of Christ's church." (Greek Lexicon)

4. The Harmony of Praying Together: "The moment we unite in prayer **we become a symphony.** As such we **blend together in unity** respecting the fact that we represent all of Christ's body." Dick Eastman, Every Home for Christ

5. "Praying Together Characteristics" that Prayer Leaders Manage

- **Focus on the welfare of the whole**
- **Representative:** Each supports the whole
- **Relational:** Connected to God and His promises and each other in the group.
- **Inclusive:** All are included and needed
- **Harmonious:** Positive blending together
- **Collective:** Working together for good of whole

6. Areas of growth for Prayer Leaders

- Learn to **follow the Holy Spirit's leading**
- Learn to **skillfully and tactfully direct prayers of others**
- Learn to **trust and depend on others**
- **Lead the group to pray together**

7. Corporate Prayer Guidelines - Use spiritual "brainstorming" approach

- 1. Follow the leader.** Focus on current topic.
- 2. Vital prayer focus: God's word and character**
3. Pray **briefly enough** so that all can participate.
4. Pray **loudly enough** so all can hear, agree and be edified
- 5. Pray together** as team, not as individuals
6. Pray **with humility.** We can always pray for the Lord to reveal "truth, wisdom, insight, clarity, etc." about the topic we are praying about